

REMARKS

Paragraph [0001] as amended recites that “this patent application is a continuation-in-part of the US non-provisional Patent Application No. 10/625,90”.

Therefore, the specification is now believed to be compliant with 35 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i).

With respect to the second point raised by the Examiner, namely an improper incorporation by reference, the Applicant submits that no improper incorporation by reference is present in the specification. US non-provisional Patent Application No. 10/625,90 is not incorporated by reference. With respect to the incorporation by reference of co-pending applications bearing application numbers 10/625,905 and 10/625,901, the Applicant submits that these incorporations are compliant with 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) since they were present in the specification as originally filed on December 3, 2003. The specification as originally filed recites “This application is related to commonly assigned co-pending applications filed herewith bearing agent docket numbers 16005-1US titled “Optical Connector Assembly” and 16005-2US titled “Optical Ferrule”, the specifications of which are hereby incorporated by reference”. An amendment to the specification was filed on September 9, 2004 and the agent docket numbers were replaced by the corresponding application numbers by way of this amendment. This amendment was accepted by the Examiner and entered on the record.

Furthermore, as per original petition for an unintentional delayed claim for priority dated August 22, 2007, the Applicant submits that the entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due under 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(2)(ii) and this date was completely unintentional. The declaration on file and attached hereto indicates such claim to priority, but the requirement under which the reference was to be made in the application was inadvertently overlooked.

In view of the above, the Applicant kindly requests the acceptance of the renewed petition under 37CFR 1.78(a)(3).

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